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SUBJECT: EXPORT CONTROLS, EXPORT TAXES AND SHORT SUPPLY PROBLEMS

REF: A. STATE 23940, B. STATE 22871, C. TAIPEI 833,

D. TAIPEI A-239, 12/28/73

1. ON FEB. 8 EMBOFF ASKED DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF BOFT, H.K. SHAO, QUESTIONS ASKED IN REFTELS A AND B. HIS ANSWERS ARE NUMBERED TO CORRESPOND WITH NUMBER OF QUESTIONS IN REFTELS.

2. PER REFTEL A:

A. ROC HAS NO EXPORT TAXES; HOWEVER, ROC HAS IMPOSED TEMPORARY BAN ON EXPORT OF SOME 287 TYPES OF PRODUCTS, MOST OF WHICH ARE RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS AS WELL AS MANY TYPES OF FOODSTUFFS (SEE REFTEL C).

B. BOFT UNABLE TO PREDICT WHICH PRODUCTS MAY BE PLACED UNDER EXPORT CONTROLS IN THE FUTURE.

C. ROC HAS NO BATER AGREEMENTS.

D. ALL ROC CONTROLS ON EXPORTS ARE STATED IN BOFT'S

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FOREIGN TRADE HANDBOOK (REPRINTED OCTOBER, 1973),

PART TWO, CHAPTER ONE AND PART THREE, CHAPTER TWO.
THE LIST OF TEMPORARY EXPORT CONTROLLED ITEMS
SUBMITTED BY AIRGRAM ON 2/12.
E. THERE ARE NO MEASURES TO RESTRICT IMPORTS (A
RECENT NEWSPAPER ARTICLE REPORTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT
WAS CONSIDERING BANNING THE IMPORT OF AUTOMOBILES
OVER 2,000 CC. HOWEVER, SHAO DISMISSED ARTICLE AS
"RUMOR").

3. PER REFTEL B:
A. ROC HAS IMPOSED TEMPORARY CONTROLS ON EXPORT OF
MANY BASIC INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS. IT SHOULD BE
NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT TAIWAN PRODUCES ALMOST NO
BASIC RAW MATERIALS IN ANY APPRECIABLE QUANTITY.
B. BOFT DEPUTY DIRECTOR STATED THAT ONLY REASON
FOR TEMPORARY BAN ON EXPORTS WAS TO MEET THE
DEMANDS OF LOCAL CONSUMERS AND TO HELP CURB
RAPID INFLATION DUE IN PART TO SHORTAGES OF SOME
MANUFACTURED ITEMS (SEE REFTEL D, PARAS 5, 6 AND 7).
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